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Dear Sir:

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Submitted herewith is:

- (1) Japanese "Notification of Reasons of Refusal" dated October 16, 2007, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-162065; Together with an English-language translation thereof;
- (2) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 04-090667 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published March 24, 1992; Together with an abstract thereof; and
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 05-301380 (CANON KK), published November 16, 1993.

The above references (2) and (3) are cited in item (1), "Notification of Reasons of Refusal ", which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

No copy of document (3) is provided as this document was cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Patent Office on October 6, 2006 (mailed to the PTO on September 29, 2006).

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